



2006 Professional Development Fellowships for Family Members of US Government Direct-Hire Employees under Chief of Mission Authority

SUMMARY

The Department is pleased to announce the Professional Development Fellowship program for Eligible Family Members and Members of Household of US Government Direct-Hire Employees assigned overseas under Chief of Mission authority. This is the second year of a pilot program funded by the Una Chapman Cox Foundation to maintain, enhance and/or develop professional skills for Foreign Service Eligible Family Members and Members of Household who are not in a position to pursue their career path overseas. Fellowships of up to \$2,000 will be granted on a reimbursable basis for enrichment activities. The selected applicant must fund a minimum of 25% of the cost of the proposed activities. Activities can include, but are not limited to, continuing education, distance learning, professional development, participation in professional conferences, dues for membership in professional organizations, and small business start-up costs.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be an Eligible Family Member (EFM) or a Member of Household (MOH) of a US Government direct-hire employee, under Chief of Mission Authority assigned overseas.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants should submit a completed application form which can be found online on FLO's website at:

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/64286.doc>

Applications must contain a one-to-two sentence synopsis followed by a detailed description of the professional development fellowship proposal. The program should be directly related to the EFM/MOH's professional interests, and the proposal must explain how the proposal will enhance the EFM/MOH's skills. As noted above, proposals may include a wide-range of activities. Proposals should provide a detailed breakdown of the expenses involved and give an indication of how the stipend would be used. Applications should be limited to two (2) pages (see form).

REIMBURSED COSTS

Applicants should be aware that, if selected, the Fellowship will reimburse up to \$2000 of the proposed cost, with the applicant responsible for a minimum of 25% of the proposed cost (please note that travel, transportation, lodging costs and per diem are not reimbursable under this program).

Examples of Fellowship Awards and Travel Expenses

Ex. 1

Proposal to enroll in Special Education Certification Training

Program Expenses excluding travel and lodging:	\$1600
Travel and lodging expenses:	\$ 400
Total expenses:	\$2000
25% of Total expenses	\$ 500
Self-funded component of proposal	\$ 500

Travel and lodging expenses are included in the total project expenses and the recipient will contribute 25% of the total cost of \$2000. The Cox Fellowship will pay \$1500. No Fellowship funds may be used travel or lodging.

Ex .2

Proposal to Attend Corporate Technology Conference in London

Program Expenses excluding travel and lodging:	\$ 600
Travel and lodging expenses:	\$1800
Total expenses:	\$2400
25% of Total expenses	\$600
Self-funded component of proposal	\$1800

Since the travel and lodging expenses exceed the 25% minimum that recipient is required to contribute and these expenses are not permitted under the Fellowship's guidelines, the recipient must pay \$1800. The Fellowship will pay \$600.

Ex .3

Proposal to Enroll in Distance Learning Program at University of Phoenix

Program Expenses excluding travel and lodging:	\$3000
Travel and lodging expenses:	\$0
Total expenses:	\$3000
25% of Total expenses	\$ 750
Self-funded component of proposal	\$1000

No travel expenses are included in the total project expenses. The Cox Fellowship will pay a maximum of \$2000; therefore, the recipient is responsible for the balance of \$1,000.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee chaired by the Family Liaison Office (FLO) and including representatives from the geographic bureaus.

SELECTION CRITERIA

In selecting grantees, the Selection Committee will consider the following factors:

- a. Unavailability of employment options in the candidate's profession at her/his current post of assignment.
- b. Correlation between the proposed activity and professional development of the candidate.
- c. (where applicable) A connection between the proposed activity and other effort(s) on the part of the candidate to maintain/refresh her/his professional skills (i.e. if the proposal is part of a larger professional development plan).

Proposals from Foreign Service EFM's and MOHs residing at Historically Difficult to Staff (HDS) posts will receive preference as will proposals from posts where no Bilateral Work Agreement or de facto work arrangement is in place. A list of HDS posts follows at the end of this cable; the link to the bilateral and de facto list follows:

<http://www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo/rsrscs/pubs/16261.htm>

PROJECT COMPLETION

Successful applicants will be expected to complete their proposed professional development program within 12 months of being notified of selection. If the proposal is for an activity in a later timeframe, the reasons should be explained. Those selected can submit receipts for qualifying expenses incurred up to the amount awarded at any time during the activity but not later than thirty days after project completion.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Proposals are due in M/DGHR/FLO no later than May 15, 2006.

Proposals can be submitted as follows:

- faxed to M/DGHR/FLO at (202) 647-1670
- emailed to FLOASKEMPLOYMENT@state.gov
- mailed or hand carried to M/DGHR/FLO, Department of State, 2201 C ST, NW, Room 1239 HST, Washington, DC 20520

Selectees will be notified on or about June 15, 2006. The program will run for one year starting from the date that the selectees are announced and notified.

POINTS OF CONTACT

For additional information, contact Jenneke Fijn van Draat, FLO Employment Program Specialist, FijnvandraadJE@state.gov, or Louis Wells, WellsLL@state.gov. Telephone (202) 647-1076.

HISTORICALLY DIFFICULT TO STAFF (HDS) POSTS

EAP Posts

Bandar Seri Begawan, Chengdu, Guangzhou, Ho Chi Minh City, Jakarta, Majuro, Port Moresby, Seoul, Shenyang, Ulaanbaatar, Vientiane

EUR Posts

Baku, Banja Luka, Chisinau, Kiev, Minsk, Podgorica, Pristina, Sarajevo OHR, Skopje, Tbilisi, Tirana, Vladivostok, Yekaterinburg, Yerevan

AF Posts

Abidjan, Abuja, Antananarivo, Asmara, Bamako, Banjul, Brazzaville, Bujumbura, Conakry, Cotonou, Dar Es Salaam, Djibouti, Freetown, Khartoum, Kigali, Kinshasa, Lagos
Libreville, Lilongwe, Lome, Luanda, Maputo, Mbabane, Monrovia, Nairobi, Ndjamena, Niamey, Nouakchott, Ouagadougou, Praia, Yaounde

WHA Posts

Georgetown, Paramaribo, Port Au Prince

NEA and SCA Posts

Algiers, Baghdad, Calcutta, Damascus, Dhaka, Doha, Islamabad, Jeddah, Jerusalem, Kabul, Karachi, Lahore, Riyadh, Sanaa (New SCA Bureau replaces SA Bureau: Includes Almaty/Astana, Ashgabat, Bishkek, Dushanbe, and Tashkent)

*Family Liaison Office
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